

**TOWN OF UNION
PUBLIC HEARING
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, December 3, 2015**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was held at the Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street, Evansville, WI. Board members present were Chairman Schneider, Supervisor George Franklin, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Building Inspector Bob Fahey and Clerk Bridgit Larsen. Constable Eric Larsen was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Schneider.

At 6:33, Chairman Schneider opened the public hearing on the proposed DATCP definition of Hobby Farm. Discussion followed and at 6:36 the Public Hearing closed.

Clerk's Minutes (November 12, 2015)

Gruebling made motion to approve minutes as written. Franklin second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of November 12, 2015:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,497.46
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	85,910.55
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	3,545.73
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	21,244.56
Escrow Accounts:		
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.04

Constable's report

Constable Larsen emailed Board a report. There were no calls in the month of November.

Building Inspector's report

Fahey will use his credit card in the future to purchase building seals and submit for reimbursement versus having the Town cut a check before seals can be purchased.

November 2015 Building Inspector Report										
Town of Union, Rock County Wisconsin										
Inspector: Bob Fahey										
15535 Francis Rd, Evansville, WI 53536										
Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	New Home? 1=Y	Construction Cost	Permit Fee \$	Inspector's Fee Due	Occupancy Permit Issue
31-Oct-2015	15-30-B		Matt & Jennifer Kraus/ Classic Custom Homes	7923 N Bridle Sweet Dr	New Home (4)	1	\$ 620,000.00	\$ 1,429.34	\$ 1,039.52	
15-Nov-2015			Roger Frautschy	18402 W Holt Rd	Occupany granted for new home					Yes
						Totals	\$ 620,000.00	\$ 1,429.34	\$ 1,039.52	
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		34	\$ 1,629,368.00	\$ 9,933.62	\$ 7,769.72	
NOVEMBER 2015 TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		1	\$ 620,000.00	\$ 1,429.34	\$ 1,039.52	
Number of New Home Permits Issued this Period				1	Building Inspector: Total Reimbursement Requested this Period \$ 1,039.52					
Number of Driveway Permits Issued this Period										
Number of Other Permits Issued this Period										
Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued this Period				1	Building Inspector Signature _____ Date _____					
Other Notes:										

Recycling Center Update

Discussion: Contract with Advanced Disposal - Krueger reported that Advanced Disposal has missed three weeks of *recycling* center pickup. Jerry said that the issue is with the driver not picking up the recycling, but the driver for garbage has been consistently picking up. Krueger also stated that it is impossible to get a response from someone when you do call Advanced Disposal.

Jerry has conducted casual interviews with people that pay at the Union Recycle Center and he has not found a citizen that is interested in private pickup. Most users he has spoken to understand it is much cheaper to use the Recycling Center than to buy a private pickup. It is also a convenient location for citizens to bring large items such as mattresses, yard waste and containers.

Gruebling suggested we send Advanced Disposal a letter and Schneider suggested adding the DNR Review to the letter.

Schneider wants to know our obligations to the current contract and when the contract is over.

Rock County Deputy: Attended the meeting to respond to questions or concerns. Schneider mentioned the Territorial Road reduced speed. The Deputy stated that Territorial is mentioned in their daily briefings and they have written quite a few tickets since the reduction.

Gruebling complimented the Deputy on the extra coverage on Territorial. Deputy stated that speed sensors can be placed to collect averages on speed and gage where they need to patrol. Captain Mauer will be the officer to talk to. Clerk Larsen will send the 2016 meeting dates to Officer Wenger at: wenger@co.rock.wi.us

Discussion: Cost of price per bag at Recycle Center – Krueger suggested getting rid of the cards as does Treasurer Franklin. Raising the price of the bag will make it \$2/bag and will eliminate the need for a quarter to make change for every user. Treasurer Franklin thinks that an insert should go in with the tax bills announcing the price increase.

Supervisor Franklin made a motion to raise the bag price to \$2 per bag beginning January 1, 2016, honor remaining ticketholders cards but eliminate ticket sales thereafter. Unanimous voice vote. Motion passed.

Roadwork Report

Wiser said the snowstorm went well and he is currently fixing roads. He will also be placing an order for fire number signs.

Footville has three plows. One for Center, one for Union, and their third truck that is not working. The Town of Center does not have any patrolman left, both resigned. The Chairman of Center asked if Union could be used as back up, Wiser told them there would be a charge and that it would need to be brought before the Union Board.

Theresa Lane will need some paving. Wiser did a quick patch up to hold what is left of the road that was very thin to begin with.

Wiser mentioned the Rutland tandem truck that is for sale for \$45K. It is a 2002. Franklin asked if it will be for sale before January 2016 and it will not. Schneider would like numbers and details on paper to review.

Gruebling suggested Supervisor Franklin get the price and place the price on the agenda for an action vote since George is authorized.

Franklin stated that the Town needs to start strongly considering a building.

Discussion: Claims served as a result of the August 1, 2015, fatal accident at Pleasant Prairie Road and Hwy C.

Schneider stated there are a total of 9 claims, each at \$50K each. Gruebling stated as long as the claims have been forwarded to the insurance company it is sit and wait for the lawyers to work it out.

Public Comment (5 min max per item, no action will be taken on any issues)

Mike Exum stated that the north-side stop sign is closer to the middle of the road which is the sign that is owned by the County.

Alvin Francis asked who cut the brush an hour after the accident and Schneider never found out. Fahey stated it was Rock County.

Mike Exum suggested reiterating to residents that cardboard needs to be broken-down during rate raise.

Board Action: Adopt language submitted by DATCP regarding the definition of Hobby Farms to the Town of Union Code of Ordinances Chapters 17 to insure Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification by year end.

Schneider confirmed with Clerk Larsen that a public hearing should be held before our December meeting in order to adopt the edit to Hobby Farms definition from DATCP. Schneider elected to have the hearing and vote at the regular December meeting.

Gruebling moved to accept language. Franklin second. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Action: Appointment of 2016 Pollworkers

Motion by Gruebling to accept pollworker list provided by Clerk Larsen. Schneider second. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Board Action: Approve 2016 Town Board Meeting Dates

All in favor by unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider to adjourn and pay bills at 7:42. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.